

Pineapples back on the menu!

Civic society steps up the fight to get stone sculptures returned to a welcoming position

PRESSURE is growing on Dorset County Council to restore two famous Weymouth stone "pineapple" sculptures to their original position on Ridgeway.

The structures gifted by Weymouth Rotary Club were removed during work for the town's new relief road before being relegated to a weed-strewn position tucked away near the entrance to the Mount Pleasant park and ride site.

This "dismayed" Weymouth Civic Society who told Dorset County Council that the new position was "highly inappropriate" and the pineapples should go back on the relief road in a prominent position more suitable for welcom-

ing people to the borough instead of languishing near an out of the way car park.

A defiant county council refused to budge and claimed relocating the pineapples and their substantial plinths back on to the relief road would create "a number of difficulties" including road safety concerns over the need for protective crash barriers for the pineapples.

County environment director Miles Butler added that a large new welcome sign now provided a distinct gateway to the borough, several other locations for the pineapples were looked at and the park and ride site was considered the best option.

Not good enough, said



■ PINEAPPLES welcome people to ... the Mount Pleasant park and ride site in Weymouth

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angry society members, who have now hit back at the council's "overly bu-

reaucratic" response by getting secretary Gerald Mabb to write to all borough councillors, South Dorset MP Richard Drax and Weymouth Rotary Club.

He told them: "We feel we should welcome all to

the borough not just the minority who park their cars in this car park."

Mr Mabb said the society was assured by the county council that the pineapples would go back as close to their original position as possible once the relief road was built.

Mr Butler's response to their concerns was "unsatisfactory", he said, adding

that if the county was worried about creating a traffic hazard then the pineapples could be put north of the bridge at the top of Ridgeway far enough back so they were no closer to the carriageway than the bridge abutments.

He said: "The bridge abutments have the protection of carriageway standard barrier rail and the pineapples would be behind this.

Mr Mabb said the society knew this was outside the strict borough boundary but so was the new welcome sign which was "far less sensitive to the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty than the Portland Stone carved monuments".

He concluded that the "welcome pineapples had become a feature of the town and should not be banished to a car park", asked for everyone's

views and hoped those receiving the society letter would help get change implemented before the Olympics.

One of those letters went to Weymouth and Portland tourism spokesman Councillor Andy Blackwood who pledged his support and said: "I think it is a shame that the pineapples have been sited near the park and ride. They should be put back where everyone can see them.

"Locals would like to have them back and used to enjoy driving by them when the pineapples were a distinctive welcome for the hundreds of thousands of visitors arriving in Weymouth.

"They should continue to provide that welcome at a sensible site on the Ridgeway which I am sure would be welcomed by locals and tourists alike."

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CORNISH Pilot Gig Rowing has seen a massive revival over recent years and is no longer confined to the fishing villages and towns of Cornwall.

Kate Goodwin came to the sport some seven-years-ago when she moved to Dorset. Weymouth Rowing Club was one of the first gig clubs to spring up on the Jurassic Coast and as secretary of the club she is still as enthusiastic about the benefits and delights of gig rowing as she ever was.

This year is set to be an exciting year for the club with the World Championships to look forward to, and a place secured in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Pageant on the River Thames this summer.

As the Olympics grow ever closer, there has never been a better time to put the spotlight on Weymouth Rowing Club.

■ WHAT got you interested in gig rowing in the first place?

It was all down to a friend of mine who was a member of the club when I moved to Dorset from Cumbria some years ago. I'd seen gig racing in the Isles of Scilly and when I went along to Weymouth Rowing Club for a 'come and try it' session I was instantly smitten. Not only because the boats themselves were so beautifully made and I enjoyed my first row, but also because I remember seeing how all the rowers were having such brilliant fun together.

■ HOW has Weymouth Rowing Club developed during the time you have been a member?

The club was founded in 2000, and I joined in 2004. It's grown a lot. We currently have around 150 members. Fundraising has been a huge area of development, each boat costs around £20,000 and there is nothing we haven't done for fundraising. Also, we have developed a really strong youth section. The thing I really care about is that the original founder members always had the attitude that everyone should feel able to come and row, no matter how old you are, what size you are, or how fit you are. There are all sorts of different levels within the club from the super fit A-Crew rowers to the older rowers like me.



■ THE World Pilot Gig Championships are coming up in May. Will you be going to that?

Absolutely, yes. The championships started on the Isles of Scilly about 21-years-ago. The islands are

stunningly beautiful and to row there is amazing. The start line is more than a mile long and there are over 120 gigs all lined up.

It's extraordinary, not just the sight of it, but also the sound of the start, when 600 oars all hit the water at the same time, 120 coxs shout their orders and the crews grunt and groan.

The races are incredibly closely fought, not just between the elite crews who are way up at the front, but equally the fight between say the 80th and 81st boat is just as real in terms of competition.

Then afterwards, no matter what happens on the water, everyone gets together to celebrate.

■ HOW has the prospect of the Olympics rubbed off on the club?

We really want to ensure that people know about gig rowing. It's obviously nowhere near to being an Olympic sport but it's very much a West Country tradition and we just want as many people as possible to see the beautiful boats. On the one hand they are finely crafted works of art, and on the other hand they are working boats that stand up to the most brutal sea conditions.

■ WHAT other events are in the pipeline?

Our youth team have been successful in getting to take part in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Pageant on the River Thames. We selected a very special junior crew, a group of young ladies and we are really proud of them. They rowed for us in our junior competitions last year and we wanted to recognise how hard they'd worked and encourage other young people to come and have a go.

■ IF you were adrift at sea, which three famous people would you like out there with you in the boat?

That's easy, but they're only famous in the gig world, and there are four of them. I'd take the four Lyme Regis rowers who have just rowed across the Atlantic. They did it in 48 days, one of them is 67-years-old. I think they are fantastic!

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New home for sandman

SAND sculptures on Weymouth Beach are to get a new home.

Planners decided that it was time to upgrade facilities made famous by the likes of sand sculptors Fred Darrington and Mark Anderson with a new shell-shaped structure.

A meeting of Weymouth and Portland planning committee was told that the existing building was "of poor quality" and comprised timber side panels with a basic tarpaulin cover.

Councillor Ray Banham was more cutting and said: "We have to modernise and bring things into the 21st century. It is long overdue and the present tired structure looks like something off an allotment."

Colleague Councillor Christine James thought the proposed new structure was "absolutely brilliant" while Weymouth and Portland Deputy Mayor Councillor Margaret Leicester said: "It is a very innovative idea and what we have been looking to do with seafront regeneration."

Councillor Peter Farrell agreed but said that giving the current "ramshackle" building's replacement the right finish was "very important"

Members then added a condition that a beige colour be used on the new building which will be sited six metres south of its current location on the beach opposite the northern end of Alexandra Gardens.

Land train

A LAND train which has become a colourful part of Weymouth's seafront will be run by the Merlin Entertainment group for the next five years.

The move, which was approved by Weymouth and Portland council's management committee, will see the train operate between two other Merlin-owned attractions, the Sea Life Park and the new giant viewing tower being built near Weymouth Pavilion.

Councillors heard that the new lease would allow the train to be refurbished while also providing income for the council.

Pavilion gets £60,000 lifeline

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WEYMOUTH Pavilion losses can be reduced and its operation vastly improved.

That was the pledge from delighted supporters and experts after the cash strapped site was thrown a lifeline with a £60,000 pledge of support from the council.

The authority agreed to keep the Pavilion running under its management while keeping a close watch to ensure savings were made, a crucial commitment which must be ratified by full council next week.

It came as the loss making entertainment centre finished the first year of a five-year plan to give it a new lease of life.

Pavilion Steering Group chairman Councillor Ray Banham said he had feared the worst when Weymouth and Portland council's management committee met to consider a variety of options for the

site which included turning the theatre over to volunteers or even shutting it down altogether.

Mr Banham said: "The key issue was £60,000 required for general maintenance which the committee was considering withdrawing as part of saving cuts.

"Fortunately I was able to lead a successful appeal to the committee not to do that and they voted 6-2 to grant the cash to the Pavilion."

Weymouth and Portland leisure spokesman Councillor Andy Blackwood had warned colleagues that if they did not think again about a £60,000 cut in spending on the site then they might "increase the uncertainty about the future operation of the Pavilion complex and particularly the theatre".

Mr Banham added that he was also pleased that the meeting had voted to support the Pavilion's 2012 programme of events which he said was based on local productions and quality shows.

He said: "We believe this will help the Pavilion to become much more cost effective at a time when we have already seen a great performance by the Ritz Cafe and a 300 per cent increase in usage and profits by the Ocean Room.

"Now the theatre has a chance to follow suit because the new management team has full control of the Pavilion complex."

He added that the priority now was to reduce Pavilion losses.

He said: "The Pavilion will never make a profit but we believe there is



■ RELIEF: Pavilion Steering Group chairman Councillor Ray Banham had feared the worst when councillors met to discuss options for the building

room for a vast improvement and this is what we are aiming at.

"The steering group meets at the beginning of March and we will be dis-

cussing what has happened and how the Pavilion can start regenerating itself.

"Getting the £60,000 was a tremendous boost

for our morale and the morale of staff who work at the Pavilion who now know the future is so much more secure."

Empty homes back in use

EMPTY homes in Weymouth, Portland and West Dorset will be brought back into action thanks to £150,000 from the New Homes Bonus.

The scheme, which was announced last year by the Government, means that Weymouth and Portland borough council and West Dorset district council will receive about £7,000 over the next six years for every empty house returned to use.

The £150,000 will fund an officer to deal with empty homes, work with property owners and cover the legal cost of enforcement.

There are 408 empty properties in Weymouth

and Portland and 540 in West Dorset which have been left empty for many reasons, most commonly due to being up for sale or renovation.

The councils have highlighted a total of 200 empty 'problem properties' it will prioritise to get back into use over the next three years.

The problem of empty homes had been highlighted following a national television programme last year that looked into the number of empty homes across the UK.

West Dorset council leader Robert Gould said: "The council needs to maximise its income from every possible source to protect frontline services. Bringing empty homes back into use will help us do this as well as tackling the obvious waste of properties standing empty."

Weymouth and Portland housing spokesman Amanda Legg said: "The scheme gives the council a fantastic opportunity to tackle the problem of empty houses in the borough which is a big issue nationwide.

"The television show last year really highlighted the problem and it is an issue the council has been looking to tackle for a while."

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HELPERS are needed to help give advice and support when digital TV switchover happens in parts of Dorset in March.

Volunteer Dorset has recruited some helpers after an earlier appeal but is looking for more.

"Ideally we would like another five or six to come and join us," said Craig Womble from the Volunteer Centre, "They will need to be available for a training day on February 27th and again towards the end of the first week in March and on two other days later in the month."

The volunteers will be staffing an advice centre in the town to offer support and guidance for those who might be unable to cope with re-

tuning their televisions, or other equipment when the switch over happens.

It is anticipated that those who need help will be able to visit the volunteers, or telephone them, on the day of the switch over and afterwards.

The key dates, apart from the training day, are the March 7th and 8th and March 21st and 22nd.

"It may be that some volunteers would like to work all of those days and others might only want to do half a day - as long as we get enough volunteers we should be able to accommodate people's wishes," said Craig.

Normal out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed for volunteers

including travel and lunch.

Although some of the volunteers already recruited do have a technical background Mr Womble stresses that this is not vital as the training provided will cover all the issues that people are likely to come across.

"Being a good communicator and willing to help people is more important," said Craig.

The project in Dorset is being run by Dorset Community Action in partnership with Volunteer Centre Dorset.

For more details contact Volunteer Centre Dorset on 01305 269214 or email Mr Womble at c.womble@volunteeringdorset.org.uk

Prices held in district council car parks

PARKING charges in all West Dorset District Council car parks have been frozen for the coming year.

It means that prices in 2012 will be exactly the same for a two hour stay in 2005.

"We took this decision to help local businesses and residents. We are working hard to support West Dorset's economy through tough times and freezing car parking charges is just one of the steps we are taking," said Robert Gould, leader of West Dorset District Council.

"Keeping charges low will help attract shoppers into our town centres."

The move was welcomed by Phil Gordon, Dorchester BID (Business Improvement District) project director. Mr Gordon said: "We overwhelmingly welcome the move to freeze car parking charges at 2005 levels.

"It shows that the district council realises that businesses are struggling and they need all the support they can get.

"Cheaper parking should encour-

age shoppers to come into town, which is what we all want." Despite concerns councillors voted to keep shoppers' permits at £16 for six months although a new scratch card is being introduced to tackle what the council described as a handful of people who were abusing the permits.

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The Christian Column

AS I SEE IT ...

by Geoff Treleven

A worthless will

AT first glance, everything seemed to be in order. True this was one of those home made wills and it was extremely simple. He left absolutely everything to his wife and that was it. He even had two witnesses who signed that they had witnessed his signature in the presence of each other.

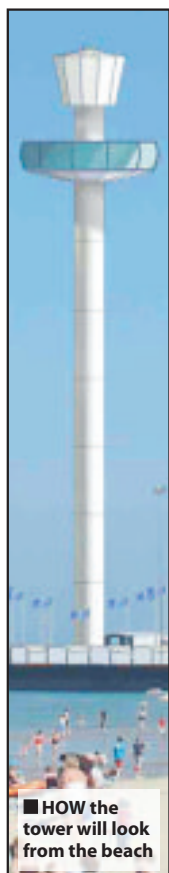
This had been accepted by various investment holders and the money transferred to his wife. However, one company wanted further evidence and I was asked if I could help. But when I saw the will I noticed he had done everything correctly except the most important. He had failed to sign it himself, despite two people certifying it had been signed in their presence!

In the end, I was able to help the widow and I was completely satisfied that the testator's wishes were carried out exactly. But his serious omission made the will, as such, absolutely invalid.

However, there was a more important matter where I was unable to help. If this man could forget to sign his will, I wonder whether he had ever made his peace with God. I cannot say. But if he had not, it was now much too late.

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Tower trip of a lifetime



■ HOW the tower will look from the beach

TWO boys are on the trip of a lifetime in Germany and Hungary to see Weymouth's new Sea Life Tower being built.

Tower bosses arranged the trip after hearing of Charlie and Harry Croker's interest in the resort's forthcoming new landmark.

Charlie, 10, and Harry, 8, have visited the development site several times with their grandmother, retired Weymouth Nursing Home matron Janet Carter.

The 53-metre tower, set for completion early July, will provide 70 passengers at a time with stunning views of the Jurassic coastline.

Janet, of Milton Close said: "They read all the press articles and have become genuinely excited about it."

She and her grandchildren are on first name terms with tower contractors and it was after they visited Weymouth Sea Life Park for more information that the surprise plan was hatched.

General manager Craig Dunkerley said: "Their enthusiasm has given us all a boost. It increases our confidence that the tower is going to be a big draw and that's why we want to make them proper young ambassadors for the project."

It had been planned for Janet to accompany them, but she wanted to stay close to the development site so the boys' mother Carolyn, a former St Andrew's Primary and Budmouth College girl, and her

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husband Richard went instead.

Charlie and Harry didn't have a clue where they were going until all was revealed at a Stanstead airport hotel earlier this week by Sea Life delegate Sarah Allsop.

She said: "They flew to Bremen where they were taken to the workshops of tower supplier Huss for a guided tour and a presentation from the tower's designers."

"Actual production of the different sections of the tower has switched to a factory in Budapest, so they later went to Hungary with Huss sales director Jens Hilger. They also got a full tour of the factory and saw work on the tower taking place."

Mum Carolyn, a domiciliary pharmacist, said both boys were thrilled as they both have a fascination for finding out how things are put together and how they work. Both love to build models with Lego and on the computer, she said.

The Croker family who now live in Bideford, Devon, - and of course grandmother Janet - will be among the guests for the VIP opening of the tower in the summer.

Meanwhile the first 'base' section of the new tower has arrived all the way from Hungary and is already in position.



■ LUCKY BOYS: Tower enthusiasts Charlie and Harry Croker are on the trip of a lifetime



■ SLOWLY DOWN: The first section of the tower is lowered into place

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New bridge swings into place

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A MASSIVE crane weighing 200 tons and towering 100 feet over pedestrians has lifted a new three-section £835,000 foot-bridge into position over Weymouth's Newstead Road.

The bridge has now joined up two sections of the Rodwell Trail path and cycleway which stretches along the route of the old railway line from Ferry-bridge to the town centre.

Final work on the structure will take several more weeks when the road, which has been partially closed to traffic since October, will re-open both ways.

Local cyclist Ken Read, a member of the Cyclists' Touring Club which proposed the bridge, said the CTC had masterminded most of the funding for the structure via the Big Lottery fund and support from the council and the Olympic Delivery Authority.

He added: "I am very pleased, delighted, to see it go in at last although I am disappointed that it has taken six years to arrive.

"Still, it is here now and it will be a tremendous boost for safety because anyone using the Rodwell Trail will no longer have to cross the busy and dangerous Newstead Road."



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■ ONE of the Mangrove whiptail rays is released into its new home

Stingrays get a new home

A PAIR of metre-long stingrays, which outgrew their tank at Cornish zoo, have been given a new home at Weymouth Sea Life Adventure Park.

The two Mangrove whiptail rays have now taken up residency in the park's giant Ocean Tank, which already houses five rescued green sea turtles and a nurse shark that outgrew its tank last year.

They are the first of the species ever to be displayed at the park, and are generally quite rare in captivity.

"They are both armed with two seven inch long stings, which can inflict painful injuries," said curator Friona Smith, "so we will need to take a great deal of care when moving them from quarantine into the big tank."

A male and female, they are a breeding pair which have produced eggs in the past, and the Sea Life team hope they will produce many more in the future.

"We are confident we would be able to rear any offspring without much difficulty and it would be great if this pair were to produce babies that

could then be sent to other Sea Life centres across the world," said Fiona.

"This will help us raise awareness of their endangered status in South Asia where they are not only over-fished, but are also increasingly the victims of accidental by-catch, much like turtles and dolphins."



Stepping out for healthy hearts

BEST feet were put forward when British Heart Foundation, friends groups and council representatives attended the official launch of the 2012 Great Parks Charity Walk.

The event was held in Sandsfoot Gardens, Weymouth, which will be the official start and finish point for the walk itself on April 15th.

It will be the fifth sponsored charity walk in aid of the BHF and this year's event round Weymouth's parks and gardens will include an 8-mile route and a 3.5-mile family challenge.

The 8-mile walk will pass through Lodmoor Country Park, Greenhill Gardens, Nothe Gardens and along the Rodwell Trail with check points, refreshments and support being pro-

vided by the friends group at each venue.

Local BHF spokesman Peter Rendall said: "The charity parks event is a wonderful opportunity to encourage people to enjoy a fun, healthy and informative walk around the gardens of Weymouth with friends and family. It also gives their hearts a good work out while raising vital awareness and crucial funds to help beat heart disease."

Weymouth and Portland leisure spokesman Councillor Andy Blackwood said: "The borough is blessed with many fabulous parks and recreational open spaces and this event is a splendid way to raise awareness and highlight some of the many

developments and improvements that have been carried out.

"The constant enthusiasm shown by the friends groups and the British Heart Foundation is admirable and ensures the continued success of these annual parks events."

Under 16's will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian and entry costs £5 per adult, £3 per child, £1 for the toddler trail and £10 for a family of two adults and up to three children.

More information and registration details are available by visiting www.bhf.org.uk/great-parks, calling 01892 893918 or emailing south@bhf.org.uk.



■ WALK LAUNCH from the left, Mary Wilson, David Carter, Neil Jarrett, Steve Davies and Josie Wait

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30 years of WOW

WEYMOUTH | WEYMOUTH'S WOW Youth Musical Theatre celebrated its 30th anniversary with an informal reception in the Mayor's Parlour.

Representatives of the popular organisation were welcomed by Weymouth and Portland Mayor Graham Winter who said: "WOW means everything to the community."

"It gives youngsters an opportunity to perform with others, it produces wonderful productions and it is a credit to the town and the volunteers who run it."

WOW chairman Alan McKechnan said: "We were delighted that the Mayor was able to give us some time to talk together about how we can promote our 30th anniversary in the town."

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"We will be staging "WOW! It's 30 Years!" at the Pavilion, a production which is a compilation show of everything from the Blues Brothers to Bizet.

"There will be music and dance in what we hope will be fantastic entertainment for the audience and a fitting way of marking our 30th birthday."

The show at the Pavilion Theatre will run from April 13th-14th and tickets are available from the Pavilion box office on 01305-783225 or from www.visitweymouth.co.uk.



■ **WEYMOUTH and Portland Mayor Graham Winter (right) shakes hands with Alan McKechnan watched by, from the left, Rod Pattinson, Pavilion business manager Max Grayson, leisure spokesman Councillor Andy Balckwood and WOW fundraising chairman Kevin Butcher**

LEAP girls aim for Edinburgh with show



■ **WASHING their sins away are, from the left, Lauren Whitehead, Hannah Soulsby and Rhea Soulsby**

WEYMOUTH | A WEYMOUTH College-based theatre group has held a special taster show to promote its plans for a county tour.

LEAP was formed in September 2011 to perform at the college and other venues for a year.

Assistant director Rhea Soulsby said LEAP, which only has three members, devises its own work inspired by real life events to evoke

emotion, ask questions and spark debate.

She added: "We hope to carry out a county-wide tour so we staged our taster show, 'Cleansed', to promote that to an audience including the Dorset Theatre Promoters Consortium who were hopefully impressed enough to hire us."

"Cleansed" is based on the Irish Magdalene Laundries which were

institutions for "fallen women" who were in effect turned into voluntary prisoners to "wash their sins away" at the laundry.

If all goes well LEAP will be at the Edinburgh Fringe festival in August and on tour in Dorset from September.

Anyone interested in hiring LEAP or in information about them can log on to www.leaptheatre.co.uk.

Revealing crime figures

WEST DORSET | CRIME figures in West Dorset, which included Bridport, Lyme Regis, Beaminstor and Dorchester, are lower than the regional average.

But Weymouth and Portland is above both the regional and national average – according to figures from Dorset Police.

The statistics show just under 46 crimes for each 1,000 population in West Dorset, but 85 for each 1,000 in Weymouth.

The regional average is 62.3 and the national average 75.7.

Purbeck and North Dorset both have average figures of 40 crimes per 1,000 population. The lowest figures in the county are for East Dorset with 31.7 and the highest crime area is Bournemouth with 106.7.

It is believed that there is a correlation between the crime rates and evening entertainment in pubs and clubs.

The figures come from a report into CCTV monitoring in the county. It reveals that Weymouth and Portland now has 130 cameras, monitored around the clock, compared to 125 in Poole and 154 in Bournemouth.

Volunteers needed for abseil

DORSET | DORSET volunteers are needed to abseil down a church tower for the Christian Aid charity.

The 100 foot drop down St Mary's Church, Swanage will take place on Wednesday, February 29th.

"The Dorset Coast Abseil promises to be an exciting challenge and what a great way to kick start 2012. By taking on this challenge, you will not only be challenging yourself but also the structures which keep people trapped in poverty."

"By going over the edge this leap year, you really will be making a difference," said Helen Burgess, Events Fundraising Officer at Christian Aid.

Registration costs £15 per person with participants asked to pledge to raise a minimum of £60 to support the fight to end poverty. To get involved register online at www.christianaid.org.uk/abseil.

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Weymouth Matters

A personal View by HARRY WALTON

The joys of reporting on local democracy

DEMOCRACY at work is a wonderful thing but there are times when I feel like giving it a hefty kick up the backside.

A perfect case in point was a recent Weymouth and Portland full council meeting which gave a brilliant impression of passing itself off as a farce.

Given that a simple agenda still took way longer than it should have, it was perhaps inevitable that the final item – a Notice of Motion – took longer than the whole of the rest of the meeting put together.

Press and members of the public followed first with some interest and then with disbelief as a truly awful debate unfolded the like of which I haven't seen for years.

There were arguments about procedure, about speak-

ers, about legal issues and, believe it or not, there was even debate about whether there should be a debate and whether it should be on the night or at a later committee meeting.

Some people actually walked out in disbelief while others were reduced to shaking their heads like unwilling zoo animals trapped in an environment they didn't understand and didn't want to be in.

Chairman, Weymouth and Portland Mayor Councillor Graham Winter, became so frustrated that at one point he said he was "losing the will to live".

Proceedings eventually became too much even for him and he wisely called for a five minute "comfort break" during which legal opinion was sought in a bid to un-

tangle the logjam of woolly words.

Ironically the debate on whether to overturn a decision not to grant the Marsh area Queen Elizabeth II Field status ended with a narrow decision to leave things as they were.

And as everyone stumbled out of the Guildhall for a much needed breath of fresh air even councillors told me they couldn't believe what had just gone on.

It was definitely not a night for civic pride, but the icing on the cake belonged to Dorset County Council who failed to liaise with borough colleagues and so held an important Olympic public meeting in the Pavilion at the same time as full council which didn't go down well at all. Left hand, right hand perhaps?

Where did you get that hat?

WEYMOUTH and Portland's recent brush with Siberian weather has turned friends into total strangers.

The week before it was possible to recognise people on the streets who were some distance away, but bitter cold transformed them in to colourful blocks of insulation as people swathed themselves in coats, scarves, hats and gloves in a desperate attempt to stay warm.

It led to some amusing exchanges between shoppers including one where two well wrapped elderly men were window shopping side by side for some time before realising they were friends.

One said to the other: "Didn't recognise you. The hat makes you look younger!"

His friend replied: "I might have guessed it was you. Where did you get that awful scarf?!"

Another incident showed it was not just men who have personal problems with cold weather.

Two women were chatting together in the street when one broke the conversation off and said: "I've got go, love. I need the loo and I don't want to take anything off until I get home in the warm!"

Are you wading through your waist-high grass?

GARDENERS are now entering that fraught seasonal time known as the "if only" period.

With flowers starting to peep out and buds already beginning to swell, there is something else which is starting to be full of the joys of an early Spring.....lawn grass!

Leave cutting until early March and gardeners risk trying to mow their way through a dense soggy mass of grass which is tougher than a Michael Howard interview.

The result is that weekends increasingly throb to the sound of swearing and spluttering lawn mower engines.

If only I'd had it serviced last autumn, goes a chant which is being repeated all over Weymouth and Portland and quite right too.

Prevention is better than cure and I had my mower given a mechanical once over before Christmas, but even with that it was slow going because the thick wet grass kept choking the mower outlet despite my having mowed in November.

Professional lawn people advise me that gardeners

should occasionally mow their lawn right through winter to prevent a huge build up of grass which a first cut finds very difficult to deal with.

Well, my lawn has had its first short back and sides of the year and I can potter about outside, my good spirits fuelled by volleys of curses from some of the gardens around me where gardeners are finding their mower either won't start or, if it does, can't cope with the long grass. You've been warned.

Weymouth and Portland's Newest Wedding Fayre

FUTURE brides and grooms are invited to the Wedding Fayre at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy on April 9th 2012 from 11am - 4pm.

The Fayre is a wonderful opportunity to meet and chat to a wide range of local wedding specialists and suppliers, who will all be gathered under one roof, for one day only! Anyone looking for their dream wedding cake, ideal photographer or ultimate wedding car can come along, see what's on offer and plan their perfect day.

Dorset's newest Wedding Fayre (at the venue for the sailing competition at the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games) promises to be a very special occasion. Doors open at 11am for the fair and close at 4pm, with admission £2 (free with flyer), which includes a glass of bucks fizz on arrival and canapés.

The highlight of the day will be the two bridal fashion shows at 12noon and 2pm presented by Valerie Honeywill of Wedding Whirled and featuring dresses from Oxfam and Girls of Elegance and suits by Moss Bros. Visitors are encouraged to arrive early and take a seat near the catwalk – so that they don't miss the beautiful gowns on show.

The wedding soloist Naomi Mulroy will be entertaining throughout the day and there will also be a "first dance" performance on stage. A dedicated 'groom zone', interactive workshops and crèche will help to ensure that brides and grooms simply can't afford to miss this event! As an added bonus, couples can enter into a competition to win a wedding at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy.

Refreshments will also be available in the cafeteria that boasts a stunning view of the Jurassic coast.

For couples yet to find the venue to hold their wedding reception this is also an opportunity to have a look around the Spinnakers Function room to see what it has to offer. There are still dates available for wedding receptions in 2012 and 2013, so whether you are planning an intimate dinner or a large party, the Sailing Academy are sure to be able to help and will even give a 20% room booking discount if the booking is made on the day.

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Facts and Figures

- For chips prepared in the home, nearly 60% are oven baked, over a third are fried and 3% come out of the microwave.
- Friday is the most popular day of the week for eating chips, with around a fifth of the chips eaten then.
- A recent survey confirmed that 87% of the population love chips!
- More than half a billion meals containing homemade chips are eaten each year.
- In one year we eat nearly three billion meals containing chips.
- We eat 300 million portions of fish and chips in Britain each year.
- There are more than 10,000 fish and chip shops in the UK.
- Nearly 200 million chip meals are sold in fish and chip shops each year.
- Fish and chips outsell Indian takeaways by two to one.

Health

- A portion of sweet and sour chicken, egg fried rice and two spring rolls contains 22% more calories than a portion of fish and chips.
- An average portion of chip shop chips

contains 686 fewer calories than a doner kebab.

- Chip shop chips that are cooked for the optimum 5-6 minutes will absorb less fat as they are not left in the oil any longer than necessary.
- Shaking and draining your chips can reduce fat absorption by 20% and make your chips crisper. This is because chips carry on absorbing fat after they come out of the fryer.
- A study has shown that thin chips contained, on average, more than 1.5 times the fat of a thick chip cooked under the same conditions, making fat chips the healthier option.
- Oven chips contain just 5% fat.

Trivia

- A 2011 survey showed that fans of wedges are most likely to dip them in barbecue sauce, and ketchup is most popular with those who prefer oven chips and French fries.
- Chris Verschueren, from Kastel, Belgium holds the world record for the longest French Fries cooking marathon. He cooked for 83 hours, serving 15,000 portions of chips.

• In the 1860s the first fish and chip shop was reported to be opened in London by Joseph Malin, however, it was also claimed that premises near Mossley, near Oldham in Lancashire, was also the first fish and chip shop.

• A quarter of all potatoes grown in Britain are made into chips – that's around 1.5 million tonnes each year, or nearly the same weight as 125,000 full double decker buses.

• The record number of chip portions sold in a fish & chip shop in one day was 4,000.

• The chips eaten in Great Britain each year come from potatoes weighing the equivalent of nearly 2.9 million Formula 1 cars. Laid end to end, those chips would take you around Silverstone Grand Prix Circuit over 1.5 million times – equivalent to more than 26,000 British Grand Prix's.

• During the Second World War, chips were one of the few foods that weren't rationed.

• The world's largest fish and chip portion was made in July 2011 at the Wensleydale Heifer.

Oven baked chips facts

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Prison needs more monitoring volunteers

DORSET | THE watchdog body which keeps an independent eye on life behind the walls of Dorchester Prison is looking for volunteers.

The chance to join the team carrying out one of the most interesting and satisfying voluntary roles in Dorset has arisen following the resignation for business and personal reasons of two members of the prison's Independent

Monitoring Board - one of more than 130 attached to establishments throughout England and Wales.

The new IMB members selected for Dorchester will be appointed by the Justice Minister after local interview and security vetting. They will join the 12-strong Board at the Category B establishment, which holds an average of 270 prisoners serving sentences from "life" to a few

months, imposed for a very wide range of crimes.

The Board is drawn from all over Dorset and members average around three days a month working at the prison

The Justice Ministry says: "IMB members have an increasingly valuable and important role to play in ensuring that prisoners are being cared for decently and with humanity.

"They monitor the day to day life in a prison visiting on a regular basis, often unannounced, and talk to prisoners and staff. They may occasionally be called out to monitor serious incidents and observe how they are being dealt with."

After initial training members are security cleared to carry keys and have an absolute right of access to all parts of the prison.

Dorchester Prison is in North Square just off the town centre, and behind its Victorian exterior lie some very modern support facilities aimed at guiding prisoners away from reoffending when they are released.

IMB Board Chair Judith Anstice said: "Board members are appointed regardless of age, sex, ethnicity or sexual orientation. They need to be mature, open-minded and committed to diversity, equality and human rights.

"Alongside sound judgment and good communication skills, they should have integrity, perseverance and a willingness to take responsibility and challenge the status quo. Being a good listener is also a key asset.

"Everyone works as a team but members will often be required to visit parts of the prison on their own which demands a certain level of confidence."

The Justice Ministry summed up: "It is important that Boards are made up of a cross section of the local community, with members coming from all walks of life, backgrounds and experience. You do not need any special qualifications but you will need the enthusiasm, energy and commitment to make a full contribution of the Board."

IMB work is unpaid but members qualify for Justice Ministry travel and subsistence allowances.

Anyone interested in joining the IMB Board at HMP Dorchester should contact Vice Chair Ann Hodgkins on 01258 830331.

Dorset kids urged to get on their bikes

DORSET | KIDS, parents and teachers across Dorset will be getting on their bikes for the journey to school this March as part of Sustrans Big Pedal - with top prizes up for grabs for the schools that involve most people.

The Big Pedal is the UK's biggest school cycling competition to get kids active and raise money for the charity Sustrans.

Nearly half of all children want to be able to get to school by bike but only four per cent do - the three week competition will show children and their parents just how easy it is to get around on two wheels.

Adrian Roper Sustrans Regional Director for the South West said: "Last year's Big Pedal saw children from more than 800 schools across the UK making nearly a million journeys by bike.

"This year's race will be seen even more families discovering just how easy it is to do the school run on two wheels.

"Children that cycle to

school regularly are more active and more alert and better learners."

The race is funded by Bike Hub, the Association of bike traders.

Phillip Darnton Executive Director of the Bicycle Association added: "The future of cycling depends on every generation of kids learning and wanting to cycle. What better way to get started than joining in the Big Pedal.

"The cycle industry through its Bike Hub levy is delighted to fund this event for another year. 2012 is a very special year; the Big Pedal marks the start of the Summer of Cycling - a new campaign bringing together everyone who cycles and encouraging them to introduce one new-comer to cycling during the year.

"That's why the Big Pedal is aiming for 1,000 schools to sign up and one million journeys to be made."

To get your school involved in the Big Pedal go to: www.thebig-pedal.org.uk.

Offenders to wipe out graffiti

WEYMOUTH | OFFENDERS will repay their debt to society by scrubbing graffiti off the streets of Weymouth.

Up to eight offenders, supervised by Community Payback supervisors and wearing high visibility jackets, will start work as part of the Wipe Out Project this month.

Under the project, people sentenced to Unpaid Work Requirements by Dorset's Courts will use pressure washers, paint and other chemicals to clean-up graffiti in Weymouth's park district and town centre, before tackling other parts of the borough.

The project was funded by the Dorset Community Safety Partnership, which is made up of Weymouth and Portland Borough Council, Dorset Police and Dorset Probation Trust and other organisations.

Councillor Geoff Petherick, Community Safety Portfolio Holder at Weymouth and Portland Borough Council, said: "This is a great project that will help clean up the streets of Weymouth and help spruce up the borough.



■ **WEYMOUTH & Portland Borough Council** brief holder Geoff Petherick and PCSO Mark Benwell inspecting graffiti in Weymouth might be tackled by the offenders

"It is a good initiative because it gives people a chance to repay society and give something back to the community.

"We are asking the public to report graffiti to us so we can try and get it cleaned-up."

The offenders, who will be supervised by the Dorset Probation

Trust's Community Payback Unit, will get to work every Thursday for eight weeks.

Alongside project Wipe Out, Safer Neighbourhood Officers from Dorset Police will tour schools to encourage young people to respect their streets and report graffiti if they see it.

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Cycle in Dorset

DORSET | MOUNTAIN bike routes in Dorset have been added to a new regional website to encourage people to make use of the county's beautiful countryside.

The county's Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty team is working through the South West Protected Landscapes Forum, having won a Rural Development Programme bid to develop off-road cycling in the area.

Users can log onto an interactive website to plan routes, based on their ability, and around Dorset's Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Part of the project includes making grants available to tourism businesses and community organisations to make bike-friendly improvements such as secure bike lock ups and bed and breakfast establishments who want to encourage cyclists.

Around £10,000 has been made available to projects in Dorset

The website can be accessed at www.1sw.org.uk.

West Bay talk

DORCHESTER & WEYMOUTH | PENSIONERS from Dorchester and Weymouth will be hearing a talk in the county town today (Thursday 16th), about West Bay.

The National Federation of Occupational Pensioners, Dorchester and Weymouth branch, will be meeting at 2.15pm in St Peter's Church to hear a talk entitled "The West Bay Story".

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■ A GROUP in Dorchester demonstrate their first aid skills

WEYMOUTH | WEYMOUTH and Portland St John Ambulance has confirmed the latest dates for its sell-out community first aid courses.

The courses are aimed at encouraging more people to learn the basic skills that can be the difference between a life lost and a life saved.

An extra course has been added in Weymouth on February 27th at the charity's resort headquarters on Westwey Road.

St John schools, community and volunteer training co-ordinator Grant Wilson said: "It is the charity's aim to teach life saving first aid skills to as many people as possible in the community.

"We have had an overwhelming number of enquiries about these courses, particularly from new parents, grandparents and those who

**by Harry Walton
hds Walton@yahoo.co.uk**

want to brush up on their lifesaving skills.

"Learning first aid is one of the single most important things you can do in your life.

"You never know when you may need it – at work, at home, in school, playing sport – you just don't know.

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The Essential First Aid course costs just £30, lasts three hours and is suitable for all ages from 12 years when accompanied by an adult.

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situations involving adults, children and infants.

These include choking, severe bleeding, Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and dealing with an unconscious casualty.

Also covered are chest pains and other common incidents.

Courses will also be held at St John Ambulance's training centres at Bridport Road, Dorchester on March 3rd and at Portland on April 17th. They run from 9.30am-12.30pm.

Additional dates and venues are added regularly or any group of eight-14 people can arrange their own training session, subject to availability.

To book a place on one of the courses visit www.sja.org.uk/dorset or, for more information, contact 01305 751157.

Empty homes to be brought back into use

WEST DORSET | ALMOST a thousand empty homes in Weymouth, Portland and West Dorset are being targeted to be brought back into use.

At a time when housing association waiting lists are running at record highs Weymouth and Portland has more than 400 empty homes and West Dorset has 540.

Cash from a Government scheme will now be used to employ an officer to deal with the problem across both areas with the authorities getting around £7,000 in Government money for each empty home returned to use over the next six years.

The councils have highlighted a total of 200 empty "problem properties" it will prioritise to get back into use over the next three years.

Many of the others which are empty are being renovated, or are currently for sale.

Robert Gould, Leader of West Dorset District Council, said: "The council needs to maximise its income from every possible source to protect frontline services.

"Bringing empty homes back into use will help us do this as well as tackling the obvious waste of properties standing empty."

Amanda Legg, Brief Holder for Housing at Weymouth & Portland Borough Council, said: "The scheme gives the council a fantastic opportunity to tackle the problem of empty houses in the borough which is a big issue nationwide.

"A television show late last year really highlighted the problem and it is an issue the council has been looking to tackle for a while. So this funding will really help us.

"Residents can help the council to deal with the issue by reporting empty homes in their neighbourhood."



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Poetry for Pleasure

by Frank McGarry

OUR first poem this week is a new one from our old friend Diana Shervington of Lyme Regis.

CONTRAST

*Betwixt and between, how do you choose
Do you want to stand out, or you might lose?
When shopping for shoes, is it comfort or looks?
Or when reading is it facts or hilarious books.*

*When it comes to your garden, there's so much choice;
Will you make it eco-friendly
Or do you want an immaculate place?
With the fruit trees espaliered if there's the space?*

*Let's walk inside, is it trendy or just bland,
Is it fashion you're after, then take a firm stand,
Or do the kids come first, and you don't mind,
You'll sure be a happy family you'll find!*

Richard Whitfield is also now a Lyme Regis resident but in August 1997 when Princess Diana died he was living in Windsor Castle as Warden of St George's House. He had met Diana personally as this poem reveals.

DIANA

*Like countless others, I signed memorial book,
Testament to a wounded, tangled, gifted life, forsook.
Uncomfortable, and uncomfortable, it was a forlorn prayer,*

That she might tend her life with care.

*She lived and died in the fast lane,
Frenetic responses to her deep soul pain.
Arms-length hearts she melted,
Then premature death, chaotic, unbelted.*

*Nation mourned, not superficially,
For she was one of us, like you, like me.
Our now lost, fragile, 'Queens of Hearts',
Is a modern tragedy in many parts.*

*Her memory abused, unless we discern
To safeguard all childhood's inner yearning
For careful love, and trust reliable;
Such food as identity's roots, prompts harvests undeniable.*

*Whatever status or external form,
Tragedy waits when untended souls are born.*

*Minefields come in diverse type,
Beyond all superficial media hype.*

*Daring, difficult, Diana, a life uncontained,
Like some prize pup at leash she strained.
Her early passing sadly no surprise,
For I looked deep, but once, into her eyes
And sensed that for all her apparent gifts,
Her soul was troubled by existential rifts.*

Richard has published a number of books concerned with the nurture of children and young people. He describes them as 'themed poetic commentaries'. All his books are available from Bracken Bank Books. The above poem is from "Purpose in Presence".

In Roman mythology Diana was a virginal Goddess of Nature who was considered a protector of the weak. In the 16th Century Sir Walter Raleigh penned this poetic tribute to her.

PAISED BE DIANA'S FAIR AND HARMLESS LIGHT

*Praised be Diana's fair and harmless light;
Praised be the dew's wherewith she moistens the ground;
Praised be her beams, the glory of the night;
Praised be her power by which all powers abound.
Praised be her nymphs with whom she decks the woods,
Praised be her knights in whom true honour lives;
Praised be that force by which she moves the floods;
Let that Diana shine which all these give.
In heaven queen she is among the spheres;
In aye she mistress-like makes all things pure;
Eternity in her oft change she bears;
She beauty is; by her the fair endure.
Time wears her not: she doth his chariot guide;
Mortality below her orb is placed;
By her the virtue of the stars down slide;
In her is virtue's perfect image cast.
A knowledge pure it is her worth to know:
With Circes let them dwell that think not so.*

● If you have a short poem of your own that you would like to share with our readers please send it to: Poetry for Pleasure, Lyme Media & Events Ltd, St Michael's Business Centre, Lyme Regis, Dorset, DT7 3QF. Or e-mail it to us at: pemedia@pemedia.co.uk

Anonymous Festival returns this August

DORCHESTER'S free youth festival, Anonymous, will be back this August at Maumbury Rings.

Organisers Dorchester Youth Extra, the youth Forum for Dorchester, say the event will build on the last three festivals and continue to support local talent.

Taking place on Saturday, August 25th, organisers are now calling on local performers and bands to get in touch about playing at the event.

The event will feature two stages, giving acoustic singers as well as larger bands a chance to perform.

Festival Music Co-ordinator, Keith Hatch said: "Over recent years a number of the young bands who have played Anonymous have become well known on the music scene, both locally and nationally. Bands such as Thomas and The Mock Ups, Papa Le Gal, Not Made in China, Kill The Conversation and more. We hope this year will be no different.

"Performers have already been approaching us, and we are starting to confirm slots, but we want to offer an opportunity to as many young local bands as possible, so please get in touch."

As well as live performances the event will include activities, stalls and food - supported by West Dorset District Council and Dorchester Town Council.



Thomas and The Mock Ups play at the 2011 event

"We want to show what is out there for young people in and around Dorchester. There will be loads of free activities including a climbing wall, street dancing, face-painting, circus skills, free running, DJ workshops, slacklining, craft stalls, information stands and much, much more," said Community Development Officer for West Dorset District Council Emmas Scott "Dorchester Youth Extra are keen to involve everyone, but some groups may have missed out on an invitation to take part, so if you are a community organisation working with young people and are looking for a platform we'd love to hear from you."

Emma Scott can be contacted on 01305 252204. Email e.scott@westdorset-weymouth.gov.uk



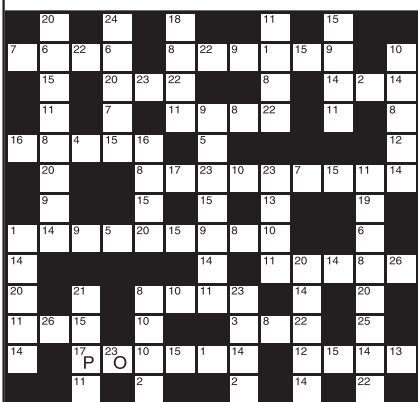
Anonymous Festival organisers from Dorchester Youth Extra

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8. Leave the vehicle - it's on fire (5)
10. Turn one into an uncharged particle (7)
- 11 & 12 Ac. What those who make spare parts are engaged in? (9)
13. Failed to interest the directorate, we hear (5)
17. Being stitched together, they could make a mess (5)
18. To signify an intermediate position (4)
22. A practical lesson to be drawn from this sort of victory (5)
23. It's disgusting - so I'm one very upset (7)
- 24 & 9 Dn. Deputy head a very short time in charge (6-2-7)
25. They smooth out level pieces of land, we hear (6)

Quick Clues:

Across

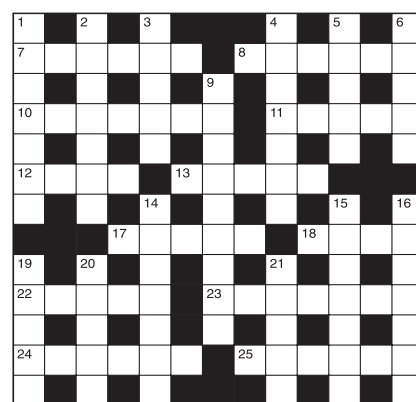
7. Sum (6)
8. Whimsical (6)
10. Ogre (7)
11. Handle (5)
12. Sleight (4)
13. Caper (5)
17. Luke-warm (5)
18. Daybreak (4)
22. Perfect (5)
23. Greed (7)
24. Agree (6)
25. Bog (6)

Down

1. Are those who receive it ill-informed? (3,4)
2. Yes, a rut could form this part of the river (7)
- 3 & 14 Dn. Presenting one's relations! (5-7)
4. Footwear for one on a greasy surface (7)
5. Some of the retrogressive monsters (5)
6. It's not the same having to put up with the girl (5)
9. See 24 Across
14. See 3 Down
15. What tellers do is check the votes again (7)
16. Prose isn't upside down! (7)
19. A tightly-packed crowd get together (5)
20. This is used for drilling a support (5)
21. Shakespeare's testamentary documents (5)

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CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Attic; 4 Mutable; 8 Venison; 9 Grief; 10 Rued; 11 Testator; 13 Back; 14 Cede; 16 Elements; 17 Epic; 20 Eastern; 21 Chasten; 22 Tuesday; 23 Horse. Down: 1 Advertisement; 2 Tense; 3 Cast; 4 Minded; 5 Together; 6 Bristle; 7 Effervescence; 12 Screened; 13 Breathe; 15 Sticky; 18 Peter; 19 Dash. QUICK - Across: 1 Rapid; 4 Pretend; 8 Tormet; 9 Amass; 10 Over; 11 Infusion; 13 Chop; 14 Stun; 16 Conspire; 17 Tale; 20 Irate; 21 Germane; 22 Element; 23 Wrest. Down: 1 Retrospective; 2 Purse; 3 Deem; 4 Potent; 5 Evacuate; 6 Elation; 7 Disengagement; 12 Complete; 13 Concave; 15 Bright; 18 Adage; 19 Grow.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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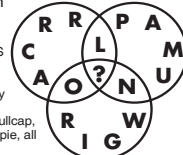
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Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
The letter represented by the question mark is K. Skullcap, bearskin, porpie, all types of hat.



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Bob's Reggae Birthday Bash

BRIDPORT Arts Centre is holding a night of live reggae music with some of the best current reggae artists in

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Featuring MIZIZI and friends Jashwa Moses and Dallas, it's a night of roots culture not to be missed. Mizizi is a word that simply means 'respect' and the band were founded upon the love of roots reggae.

The band thus features several male and female lead vocalists and its own brilliant horn section. Combine this with excellent keyboards, guitars and

drums to complete the line-up; along with occasional guests and a little experimentation; the result is a reggae force not to be missed.

Programme Manager said "This is going to be a real party night with original tracks and reggae classics, come along and celebrate Bob Marley's birthday in style!"

Find out more about Mizizi at www.facebook.com/mizizireggae

Tickets cost £12/£10

members/£8 concessions - Standing. £14/£12 members - Balcony Seats.



Dallas



Jashwa Moses

A gala programme of ballet at Weymouth Pavilion

DORCHESTER Ballet Theatre will be presenting a Gala Programme of Ballet tomorrow (Friday, February 17th) at Weymouth Pavilion.

The group will be supported by special guests South Coast Ballet, who recently wowed audiences in Bournemouth and Poole with their highly acclaimed version of the classic La Fille Mal Gardée, and Caitlin O'Farrell from Bridport and who is currently studying at prestigious Tring Park School.

Home-grown dancers under the artistic direction of South Coast Ballet's director and choreographer, Caron Yardley, will be presenting a one act version of her entertaining and humorous Cinderella.

The ballet will feature two of the nastiest ugly sisters and a romantic pas de deux between Cinderella and her Prince. The group will also perform Caron Yardley's adaptation of the well-known tale The Sorcerers' Apprentice, a highly amusing one-act ballet.

South Coast Ballet will present an array of stunning divertissements from the Classical Ballet repertoire including the famous Elslser Pas de Deux from La Fille Mal Gardée, and the stunning Grand Pas de Deux from Le Corsair. They will also present extracts from The Nutcracker, The Sleeping Beauty, Giselle and Coppelia along with Anna Pavlova's legendary solo, The Dying Swan.

Both South Coast Ballet and Dorchester Ballet Theatre make no profit, receive no grant assistance or funding and rely solely on the membership of dancers and support of audiences to meet the costs of its productions.

There will be a matinee at 2.30pm and evening performance at 7.30pm.

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BROADMAYNE: Market from 2 - 3.30pm, at St Martin's Community Hall (next to the Church). Raffle, craft, plants, books, Jigsaws Cards, Local Sausages, Lamb & eggs, Local watercress, cakes and preserves and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds for St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

WEYMOUTH: U3A February Meeting. Martin Young will be giving a talk on "How to make a Butterfly Garden". At the Salvation Army Citadel at 10am. For more details call 01305 767584.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18TH

BRIDPORT: Vinyl Saturday Bridport - Record and CD Fair across 2 venues: The Ropemakers Pub West St, and The Conservative Club North St. 10am till 3pm - Free Admission plus many shops and market stalls also selling records and cds

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SATURDAY MARCH 10TH

DORCHESTER: Coffee Morning and Sale at the United Church Hall, 9.45am to 11.45am. Organised by Dorchester and District Bible Society Action Group.

FRIDAY MARCH 16TH

BROADMAYNE: Raffle, craft, plants, books, Jigsaws, Cards, Local lamb, sausages & eggs, Local Watercress, cakes and preserves and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee, at St Martin's Community Hall (next to the church). 2-3.30pm. All proceeds for St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

SATURDAY MARCH 24TH

DORCHESTER: Film/dance night: Dorchester Moose presents by popular demand 'Mamma Mia!'. At the Corn Exchange. Doors open 5.30pm, film starts 6.30pm prompt. Tickets £10 (no concessions). Performance by the Dorchester Ballet and Dance Group, followed by the Rob Wall Disco till 11 pm. Fancy dress (Mamma Mia/70s) optional. Tickets available from Poundbury Village Stores, Harmony Music, Dorchester TIC, Sydney Arms, and Dorchester Ballet & Dance group. All proceeds to the Friendship Club, Dorset Kidney Fund, and Julia's House. For more details call 01305 259 039 or 01300 320902. Also join our facebook page Moose Movies.

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Tickets cost £9 in advance or £10 on the door and include a glass of cider and a slice of Dorset apple cake. They are available now from the Museum shop - please phone 01305 756827 or email shop@dorsetcountymuseum.org.

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The property is believed to be around 200 years old but with later additions and has been reorganised by the current owner to provide three bedrooms (was two) and bathroom on the first floor with entrance hall/study, kitchen/breakfast room, sitting room with inglenook fireplace, additional study/bedroom and shower room on the ground floor. Outside to the rear is an enclosed garden, parking space, workshop, garden studio and pretty views with additional garden to the front.

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- Bathroom & shower rm

BRIDPORT - £235,000



- Town house
- 3 bedrooms
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- Conservatory

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- Link semi detached
- 3 bedrooms
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- Utility Room

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BRADPOLE - £170,000



- Terraced cottage
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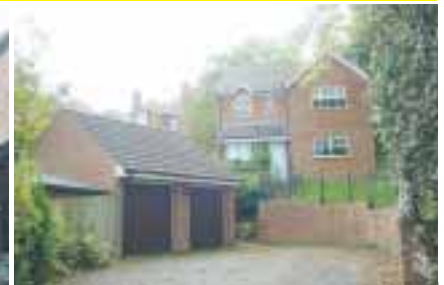
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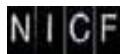
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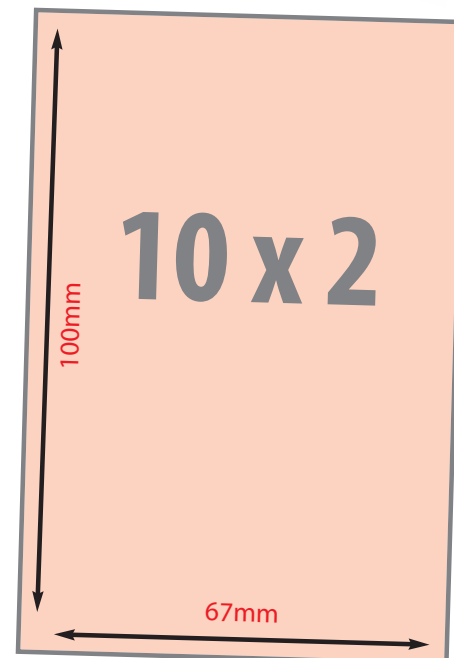
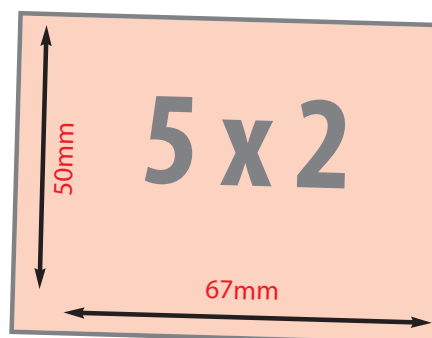
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Young drivers throughout the country are already more likely to be involved in a crash with 30% of all motor vehicle drivers involved in collisions¹ aged between 16 and 29 years old, yet this age group only made up 18% of the population². This report calculates that young rural drivers are two-thirds more likely to be involved in an injury collision than their older neighbours.

One of the biggest factors in the elevated risk profile is the much higher average annual mileages driven by rural drivers with 31% more miles driver per person than their urban counterparts. This increased exposure combined with their relative inexperience compared to older drivers is a signal to rural local authorities and police forces that special attention needs paying to this subject.

The report also considers the level of deprivation and whether this is a factor in young driver crashes. This was not found to be the case in Rural areas, although it is something seen in large towns and cities. Other analysis within the report compares vehicle types involved in crashes, road type, and speed limits.

One further piece of analysis carried out was to rank young driver risk based on residency in each of the 379 local authority areas in Great Britain. This was then used to create a map showing regional hotspots and is included at the end of this release along with the best and worst performing areas.

Dan Campsall, director of Road Safety Analysis says, "This is the first time that we have had a thorough examination of the risks to young drivers based on where they live; and the results are stark. Younger drivers from rural areas are much more likely to be involved in a crash where someone is injured, and we need to see a package of measures developed that can bring about a change. This may require investment in transport infrastructure, community bus schemes and further driver training to affect the inequality that these drivers are experiencing."

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The new BMW M6 Coupe and Convertible

- V8 M TwinPower Turbo: 560hp, 680Nm, 0-62mph in 4.2 seconds (Coupe)
- EfficientDynamics technologies improve fuel consumption and lower emissions by 30 per cent
- Seven-speed M DCT gearbox as standard
- Specific M chassis incorporating M Drive with Active M Differential and optional M Carbon Ceramic Brakes
- Extensive standard equipment including M driving environment with Head-up Display

The new BMW M6 Coupe and M6 Convertible models represent the most recent expression of the BMW M philosophy, having sold over 14,000 examples of the previous generation worldwide.

Powered by the latest V8 M TwinPower Turbo engine producing 560hp, these bold 6 Series flagship models offer searing performance and sporting dynamics, combined with supreme long-distance touring manners and everyday usability. With near 50:50 weight distribution and optimised aerodynamics the latest BMW M6 offers an intense M experience.

Thanks to BMW's EfficientDynamics technologies and the range of measures this incorporates, the new M6 is both cleaner and 30 per cent more fuel-efficient than its predecessor, despite being significantly faster and more powerful.

Bespoke M design, a driver-focused cabin and cutting edge in-car technology, makes the new M6 the most desirable yet, whether ordered with the lightweight carbon-fibre roof or the elegant retractable soft top.

Expressive design with a sporty edge from BMW M

The classical proportions and elegant design of the current 6 Series Coupe and Convertible have won many admirers since their introduction. Now BMW M gives them a sporty, dynamic update, with aggressive design features defined by the technical considerations of the engineering team.

The need for appropriate cooling air, the revised chassis and the pursuit of aerodynamic excellence: all have dictated the creative approach of the designers. The result is bold and powerful with an aggressive stance.

At the front a new M apron with wide air-intake apertures provides the necessary cooling for the engine, while sharply contoured headlamps featuring the characteristic BMW Corona rings shine brightly thanks to the latest Adaptive LED headlight technology. The new M kidney grille, with its black slats and shape inspired by the double spoke alloy wheels, enhances the front end.

To the side, a 30mm increase in the front track has resulted in a significant swelling of the front wheel arches, with the familiar M gills behind them featuring chrome flares and indicator bars with the M logo. At the rear, the now-traditional twin pairs of exhaust pipes sit either side of the aerodynamically optimised diffuser.

The new M6 comes as standard with 19" Star-spoke forged alloy wheels featuring seven double spokes in a two-tone finish. Optional 20" alloy wheels, with five double spokes hinting at the weight saving their lightweight design provides, are also available.

The BMW M6 Coupe once again uses a carbon-fibre reinforced plastic roof panel, lowering the car's centre of gravity and improving handling agility as a result. In

addition, the dark colour of the roof elongates the silhouette of the car when viewed in profile, something that's further exaggerated by the BMW High-gloss Shadowline trim around the side glass.

The M6 Convertible features the same high quality retractable roof as the 6 Series Convertible, with its 'fin' architecture projecting into the rear section, enhancing the silhouette of the car. The heated vertical glass rear window retracts independently of the roof itself. Operation of the roof is via a button on the centre console, and it can be raised and lowered at anything from a standstill to speeds of up to 25mph. Just 19 seconds is all it takes to lower the roof; 24 seconds to raise it once again. Buyers can choose from Black, Beige or Anthracite Silver fleck for the roof material colour.

TwinPower Turbo technology for the most powerful M6 ever

The new BMW M6 Coupe and M6 Convertible are equipped with the same high-revving, turbocharged V8 engine as the M5 Saloon. This revolutionary powerplant not only produces 53hp more than its ten-cylinder predecessor at 560hp, but it also benefits from a greatly improved torque output over a broad band of revs. It's this 680Nm, available from as low as 1,500rpm to 5,750rpm, that not only gives the new M6 its stunning outright acceleration, but also its commanding flexibility on-road.

The key to this impressive performance is BMW's M TwinPower Turbo technology, incorporated on the M6 via twin turbochargers built in to the twin scroll principle, including a cross-bank exhaust manifold. This sophisticated, 4.4-litre engine also includes direct fuel injection, VALVETRONIC variable valve timing and Double VANOS continuously variable camshaft control, all of which help it to rev to 7,200rpm – unusually high for a turbocharged engine.

The result is a 0-62mph sprint of just 4.2 seconds for the M6 Coupe, with the M6 Convertible following at 4.3 seconds. Both versions have a top speed limited to 155mph.

This marked increase in performance has gone hand in hand with significant improvements to fuel consumption and emissions. With the adoption of BMW's EfficientDynamics technology, the efficiency of the V8 M TwinPower Turbo engine is further improved by Auto Start-Stop, Brake Energy Regeneration and Active Aerodynamics amongst others, helping to reduce consumption and emissions by approximately 30 per cent. The new BMW M6 Coupe has a combined fuel consumption of 28.5mpg (Convertible 27.4mpg) with CO2 emissions of 232g/km (Convertible 239g/km). Moreover, with an increased fuel tank size of 80 litres, the new BMW M6 offers excellent touring range.

Seven speeds for ultimate gearbox efficiency

The new BMW M6 models use BMW M's latest seven-speed Double Clutch Transmission (M DCT) with DRIVELOGIC. This advanced transmission features two oil-cooled 'wet' clutches, offering near-seamless shifts. The DRIVELOGIC control offers three separate shift programs, both in automatic and manual modes, providing the driver with the best of both worlds whether they are looking for the sportiest selection of gears or driving comfort. M DCT also includes a Launch Control function, while in manual mode gears can be changed via either the M gear selector or via paddles on the M Sport steering wheel.

The M DCT gearbox is part of an advanced powertrain that also includes the M-Differential. This electronically controlled multi-plate limited slip differential ensures the best possible traction at all times, with a locking factor from 0-100

per cent. As with many of the other systems on the new BMW M6, it is linked into the car's Dynamic Stability Control (DSC) system to ensure maximum driving safety.

M-specific chassis for the most demanding of drivers

BMW's M division has worked tirelessly on the chassis of the new M6, and the result is a sporting car that combines tremendous ability for high performance driving with everyday usability. Drawing on their vast collective experience and legendary back catalogue, the M engineers have combined their knowledge with the latest technology, honing it over an extensive testing period.

To meet the expectations of the most demanding drivers, the rear axle sub-frame has been bolted directly to the body, the front axle kinematics redesigned with M-specific settings, and a number of 6 Series suspension components replaced with forged aluminium items. The electro-hydraulically controlled dampers feature BMW's Variable Damper Control (VDC) with a choice of three settings, so that drivers can tailor the suspension of the M6 to best suit their driving style and environment at any given moment.

The new M6 is steered via a hydraulic rack and pinion system, with a variable ratio to increase low-speed agility while offering outstanding stability at speed. M-specific Servotronic power steering offers ideal weighting for the driver, with a choice of three settings for further personalisation.

BMW's sophisticated Dynamic Stability Control (DSC) uses many of the car's electronic systems – such as ABS, CBC and DBC – to provide an effective safety net. However, drivers can select the M Dynamic Mode (MDM) that overrides the basic settings, allowing for greater wheel slip and even more sporty driving characteristics.

Personalisation of driver settings via the M buttons

The settings for the DSC, the engine characteristics, DDC, Servotronic and M DCT DRIVELOGIC can all be adjusted via the buttons on the centre console or from within the BMW iDrive system. However, drivers can also assign particular configurations to the 'M1' and 'M2' buttons located on the steering wheel. This way, for example, the driver can store a 'Sporty' set up and a 'comfort'-biased set up that can be accessed immediately at the touch of button.

M Carbon Ceramic Brakes

The new BMW M6 Coupe and M6 Convertible feature as standard a powerful braking system with 400mm front discs and 396mm rear discs, gripped by six-piston callipers on the front axle that can be identified by their dark blue metallic finish.

However, for the first time buyers can choose the latest optional M Carbon Ceramic Brakes, with front discs measuring 410mm in diameter and 396mm on the rear axle. This powerful new braking system offers even better resistance to heat and a reduction in the rotational masses by 19.4kg. The matte gold finish on the brake callipers identifies cars equipped with these outstanding brakes.

The body structure: strength by design

In addition to the aforementioned carbon-fibre reinforced plastic roof the new M6 benefits from a hybrid construction of steel, aluminium and composite materials to give an immensely strong platform that's remarkably light. In addition to the high strength steels used in the monocoque, the doors and bonnet are fashioned in aluminium while the front wings are formed in plastic. The boot lid, and the roof cover on the convertible, are made from an SMC fibreglass material.

With robust load path structures, large and precisely engineered deformation zones and the latest restraint systems, the new M6 has been engineered with safety as a priority.

In the cabin: sporting luxury

As the ultimate expression of the BMW M ethos, the interior of the new M6 Coupe and M6 Convertible is a blend of luxury appointments and sporting intent. The new M Sport seats, a lightweight design, feature an integrated seat belt system, electric seat adjustment, a pneumatic lumbar adjustment and manually adjustable under thigh support. Active head restraints also feature, and the M logo embossed into the shoulder area is the finishing touch.

The cockpit is finished in fine grain extended Merino leather, with the dynamic styling of the 6 Series interior particularly suited to the role of an M car. There's more space too, and 460 litres of luggage capacity, 300-350 litres in the M6 Convertible depending on whether the roof is raised or lowered, an increase over its predecessor.

The driver's environment is particularly sporty, with an instrument facia featuring the latest Black Panel technology, M dials with red needles and white instrumentation and

the M logo. Should the driver raise their eyes they'll see the M-specific Head-Up Display (HUD) with its digital speedometer readout and speed limit identification, gear and rev counter and shift lights.

Extensive standard equipment and personalisation options

The new BMW M6 offers a particularly high level of standard equipment. In addition to the advanced mechanical package that the car offers, the M6 driver enjoys two-zone climate control, heated and multi-adjustable M Sport seats, the M-specific HUD, Extended Merino leather interior trim and BMW Professional Navigation with 10.2" colour screen. Customers can then further personalise their cars with an upgrade to 20" alloy wheels, M Carbon Ceramic Brakes, Internet, BMW Night Vision and a Bang and Olufsen Advanced audio system.

The new M6 Coupe and Convertible goes on sale in the UK on 15 September 2012, with the Coupe costing £93,795 and the Convertible £98,995.



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DORSET FOOTBALL

MOORE BOOSTS TERRAS BID TO BEAT THE DROP
Double Top - Islanders lead the way on two fronts!

DORSET LEAGUE

RESULTS - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH
Bridport Res 5-0 Hamworthy Utd Res
Hamworthy Rec 7-0 Swanage & H
Weymouth Res 3-2 Poole Borough

PREMIER LEAGUE REPORTS

HAMWORTHY REC 7 SWANAGE TOWN & H 0
A JAMIE Moors hat-trick inside in the opening half-hour helped propel Hamworthy Recreation back up into the a top three position as Swanage were mauled at Magna Road.

Lewis Burgis (2), Mike Notley and Daniel Blackburn also netted for the hosts.

It was a day to forget for the Swans who finished the game with only nine players as they received two red cards, one straight the other for two yellows.

BRIDPORT RES 5 HAMWORTHY UTD RES 0

THE Bees moved up a place to seventh after a 5-0 victory over Hamworthy United at St Mary's.

The goals were equally shared between Carl Bulman, Adam Steele, Tristan Gale, Jack Scovell and Ashley Clarke.

WEYMOUTH RES 3 POOLE BOROUGH 2

THE Terras edged further away from the bottom two with a hard fought 3-2 win against visiting Poole.

Danny Moore (2) and Peter Jarvis scored for the hosts while netting for the Hornets

were Jamie Mowlem and Bradley Gale.

♦ AT its recent League Management Meeting, the Dorset FA Committee decided to invite the Bournemouth F.A to play for the "Charity Shield" as the traditional match was not able to take place at the start of the season.

This invitation was accepted by the Bournemouth FA who will host the match on Tuesday, February 21st at Hurn Bridge, Christchurch. (7.45pm kick-off).

Provisional Dorset squad: *Nick Carroll, Ashley Wells, Lewis Whyton, Alex Halloran (all Portland United), Matt Weekes, Dan Golden, Mike Taylor, Andy Holmes (all Wincanton), Ash Weekes, Scott Henley (both Chickereil United), Adam Marsh, Tom Willis, Ash Boyt, Jamie Moores, Dan Blackburn (all Hamworthy Rec), Sam Jarman, Ben Cochrane, Mike Rousell, Dean Corden (all Westlands Sports), Mark Ford (Blandford United), Luke Stone (Holt United).*

SENIOR LEAGUE

Chickereil Utd 1-0 Sturm Newton Utd
Portland United 2-1 Gillingham Town
Weymouth Sports 4-3 Up & Broadwey.

DIVISION ONE

Poundbury 4-0 Granby Rovers

DIVISION TWO

Weymouth Spartans 6-0 Lytchett RT

Wyke Regis SC 2-1 Corfe Mullen Utd

DIVISION FOUR

Galaxy 5-0 Littlemoor
(All other games postponed)

REPORTS SENIOR LEAGUE

PORTLAND United moved into top spot after goals from Simon Crouch and Tom Bell clinched a 2-1 win over Gillingham Town at New Grove Corner. Liam Moores grabbed the Gills' consolation.

Upwey & Broadwey's title hopes received a blow as they went down 4-3 at Weymouth Sports.

Christian Evans was the star of the show for the hosts with a superb hat-trick whilst Robert Rolls chipped in with a single. Ethen Devaney, Richard Frost and Darren Samways scored for the visitors.

A single goal from Stuart Wallbridge was enough to give Chickereil United all three points and boosted their chances of avoiding the drop after an edgy 1-0 win over Sturminster Newton United.

DIVISION ONE

THE only game to survive the weather saw Poundbury Rovers hammer local rivals Granby Rovers 4-0 thanks to goals from Richard Beasley (2), Matt Dear and Ross Foot.

DIVISION TWO

WYKE Regis Social Club recorded their best win of the season when they surprisingly defeated faltering league leaders

Corfe Mullen United 2-1 with goals coming from Andy Bell and Gary Camp.

Weymouth Spartans stormed into the top three courtesy of goals from Dean Taylor (3), Callum Bigg (2) and Mark Dally as Lytchett Red Triangle were thrashed 6-0.

DIVISION FOUR

GALAXY FC moved off the foot off the table with an impressive 5-0 victory at Littlemoor.

Shane Sheridan (2) Steven Hicks, Paul Cole and Elliott Gould netted for the Portland-based side.

FIXTURES - February 18th
PREMIER LEAGUE

Blandford United v Tintinhull
Bridport Res v Hamworthy Rec
Chickereil United v Shaftesbury
Cranborne v Portland United
Holt United v Sturm Marshall
Poole Borough v Merley Cobham
Sherborne Res v Weymouth Res
Westland Sports v Parley Sports
Wincanton v Swanage T & Herston
Senior League
Bishops Caundle v Wareham Rangers
Chickereil United v Weymouth Sports
Gillingham v Piddletrenthide Utd
Portland United v Blandford United
Stourpaine v Okeford United
Sturm Newton Utd v Witchampton Utd

Upwey & Broadwey v Kingston Lacy

Division One

Dorchester Town v Mere Town
Granby Rovers v Bere Regis
Merley Cobham v Kangaroos
Poundbury Rovers v Wincanton
Shaftesbury v Westland Sports
Swanage Town & H v Ship Inn
Division Two

11th Signals v Weymouth Spart
Bridport v Corfe Mullen United
Dorchester Sports v Wyke Regis SC
Lytchett RT v Gillingham Town
The Balti House v Crossways
Wareham Rangers v Corfe Castle
Division Three

Bere Regis v Soccer FC
Galaxy v Piddlehinton Utd
Maiden Newton & C v Donhead Utd
Okeford United v AFC Cobham
Stickland United v Cranborne
Division Four

Puddletown v Handley Sports
Overmoigne v Swanage Town & H
Weymouth Spartans v Stalbridge
Division Five

Broadstone v AFC Blandford
Donhead United v Dorchester CC
Handley Sports v Maiden Newton & C
Mere Town v Marnhull
Milborne Sports v Poundbury Rovers
Division Four and Five League Cup
Littlemoor v Galaxy FC
Pimperne Sports v Bishops Caundle

PREMIER	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Portland United	21	17	2	2	57	53
Wincanton	21	17	4	0	55	52
Hamworthy Rec	20	16	1	3	54	49
Westland Sports	20	15	3	2	52	48
Holt United	21	14	2	5	34	44
Chickereil United	21	13	2	6	13	41
Bridport Reserves	22	11	4	7	19	37
Parley Sports	23	11	3	9	1	36
Swanage & Herston	22	11	1	10	-10	34
Sturminster Marshall	24	8	5	11	4	29
Blandford United	22	8	4	10	-5	28
Poole Borough	25	8	4	13	-7	28
Tintinhull	23	6	5	12	-24	23
Merley Cobham	22	6	3	13	-16	21
Hamworthy Utd Res	24	6	3	15	-42	21
Cranborne	24	6	2	16	-27	20
Weymouth Res	23	7	4	12	-15	19
Shaftesbury	22	4	2	16	-52	14
Sherborne Res	24	0	2	22	-91	2

(* points adjusted)



SENIOR	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Portland Utd Res	17	10	6	1	27	36
Wareham Rangers	18	10	5	3	11	35
Upwey & Broadwey	19	11	2	6	8	35
Kingston Lacy	15	10	4	1	20	34
Witchampton Utd	16	10	2	4	12	32
Weymouth Sports	19	7	5	7	-4	26
Okeford United	16	7	4	5	14	25
Sturm Newton Utd	17	6	3	8	-1	21
Bishops Caundle	18	4	8	6	2	20
Stourpaine	16	5	4	7	-1	19
Chickereil Utd Res	17	3	5	9	-15	14
Gillingham Res	17	4	2	11	-19	14
Piddletrenthide	16	2	4	10	-15	10
Blandford Utd Res	19	2	4	13	-39	10

DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Westland Sports Rs	17	13	2	2	39	41
Mere Town	14	12	2	0	54	38
Poundbury Rovers	20	10	6	4	15	36
Poole Borough Res	18	9	2	7	7	29
Granby Rovers	13	8	1	4	14	25
Bere Regis	17	7	2	8	13	23
Merley Cobham	17	7	2	8	10	23
Wincanton Res	17	6	3	8	-12	21
Dorchester Town A	16	6	2	8	-7	20
Swanage Town & H	14	6	1	7	-11	19
Kangaroos	15	5	2	8	-9	17
Ship Inn, Wool	17	5	2	10	-10	17
Dorchester Boro	15	3	2	10	-20	11
Shaftesbury Res	14	0	1	13	-63	

DIVISION TWO	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Corfe Mullen Utd	18	15	1	2	56	46
Milborne Sports	15	13	0	2	52	39
Weymouth Spart	18	11	2	5	25	35
11th Signals	15	11	0	4	37	33
Bridport A	17	10	3	4	27	33
Dorchester Sports	15	9	2	4	16	29
Gillingham A	18	8	4	3	24	28
The Balti House	16	8	0	8	-4	24
Wareham Rang Res	18	6	2	10	-23	20
Wyke Regis SC	15	4	3	8	-36	15
Crossways	16	4	0	12	-22	12
Lytchett RT	18	3	1	14	-54	10
Sturm Newton Res	15	1	1	13	-45	4
Corfe Castle	17	1	1	15	-53	4

DIVISION THREE	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
AFC Cobham	17	13	1	3	29	40
Piddlehinton Utd	15	10	3	2	33	33
Donhead Utd	13	11	0	2	26	33
Galaxy FC	14	8	0	6	5	24
Portesham United	16	7	1	8	-4	22
Soccer FC	16	7	0	7	11	21
Bere Regis Res	15	6	1	8	6	19
Stickland United	15	6	2	9	-36	17
Maiden Newtn & C	16	5	0	11	-11	15
Okeford Utd Res	14	4	1	9	-18	13
Cranborne Res	16	2	1	13	-41	7

DIVISION FOUR	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Handley Sports	15	9	4	2	34	31
Weymouth Spart	16	8	2	6	7	26
Stalbridge	15	8	2	5	2	26
Overmoigne	14	7	4	3	2	25
Littlemoor	16	6	5	5	-5	23
Poundbury Rovers	17	6	4	7	-7	22
Bishops Caundle	15	6	0	9	-10	18
Puddletown	16	5	1	10	-8	16
Galaxy FC Res	14	2	7	5	-6	13
Swanage Town & H	14	3	3	8	-9	11

DIVISION FIVE	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Mere Town Res	14	12	1	1	53	37
AFC Blandford	17	13	1	3	45	40
Mere Town Res	14	12	1	1	53	37
Broadstone	16	12	1	3	39	37
Donhead Utd Res	16	10	4	2	27	34
Pimperne Sports	16	6	3	5	24	21
Marnhull	15	6	3	8	-16	18
Maiden Newtn & C	14	4	1	9	-24	13
Dorchester CC	12	4	0	8	-6	12
Handley Sports	15	3	3	9	-41	12
Milborne Sports	14	1	3	10	-22	5
Poundbury A	16	1	2	13	-79	5

(* Points adjusted)

Buckler pleased to see good ground

WITH much of Britain frozen, racing has been at a premium recently, but last Friday's racing at Newbury on the poly-track saw two of local trainer Bob Buckler's horses take the opportunity of running in bumper races on good ground writes Stuart Broom.

Glenwood Present whose three races to date have been disappointing, showed what he could do, by finishing an excellent third in the Check Betfair Before You Bet Jumpers' Bumper NH Flat Race over two miles.

Nathan Sweeney tucked the five-year-old, wearing a tongue tie for the first time, in at the back of the field, and entering the final straight in last place looked to have no chance.

But a gap opened on the rails and Sweeney quickly took advantage as Glenwood Present ate up the ground to contest third place.

Although odds-on favourite Tetlami won with some to spare from Hard To Swallow, Buckler's 100/1 outsider was only 2½ lengths down on the winner.

Buckler was delighted with his horse's performance. "Like Malin Head, he is by Presenting, and most of his offspring

want fast ground.

Malin Head proved that recently following three below par performances when he too ran a superb race on better ground to win at Folkestone recently.

"You have to remember that the winner is one of the favourites for the William Hill Supreme Novices Hurdle with a rating of 130 which is consider generous, whilst the second horse is also an excellent prospect although not in the same class, so to finish third e to them is quite an achievement.

"Because he has been working well at home we were worried that there was something wrong with him, but it is obvious he doesn't cope with soft ground. Hopefully the ground will now start improving as we go into spring, and because he jumps well he will go over hurdles next time."

Lady Madonnina finished seventh in the two mile Follow At BetfairRacing On Twitter Mares' Standard Open NH Flat Race on the same card and didn't disappoint Buckler.

"It's a pity that it turned into a sprint over the last three furlongs. It was a fairly slow race and Nathan had her handily placed for a lot of the way.

"We know she stays and it's a pity perhaps they didn't try to force the pace because it was so slow and as she has a relentless gallop might have drawn their sting, but I am not overly disappointed with her run."

All being well **Digger's Mate** is expected to make his debut at either Newbury on Friday in the Class 1 bumper or at Ascot the following day.

"He is a huge horse, the biggest I have ever trained, but is very green and has lots to learn. He's only four, so this will be an educational race to introduce him to the experience of racing in front of a crowd."

Buckler has also announced that potentially one of his best ever horses is being retired to stud. **Mizzurka** who won the Dbs/e.b.f. Mares' Standard Open Nh Flat Race Final (listed) race at Newbury last March which earned her black type status, has a possible suspensory ligament problem that could leave her lame should she break down if raced again.

She will be covered by Black Sam Bellamy who is full brother to champion sire Galileo, and so it is hoped that this will produce top class offspring.

Crank Hill who was owned by the Come racing Syndicate has been purchased privately by one of the members and will go hunting.



■ EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE: Glenwood Present seen here schooling earlier in the season under Andrew Glassonbury.

Names to faces

THE Dorset County Football Association celebrates its 125 Anniversary on 13th April.

The photograph below has recently come into the Association's possession, it is of the Council of the Dorset County Football Association in 1937, which would have been the 50th anniversary of the Association.

The Dorset County FA has very little in the way of historical records and certainly know very little of this photograph.

Can any of our readers to identify anyone in the photo? Dorset FA representative Colin Chainey said: "We believe we have the names of one or two, but confirmation would be good. As it was taken on the 50th anniversary you would assume most members would have wished to be in

the photo.

"Of those Members of the Dorset County Football Association, local to SW Dorset the following would have been eligible to be included and therefore may well be in the photo: Mark Frowde, Weymouth (Chairman); H K Harris, Dorchester (V Chairman); B F Cornick, Bridport; H Weldon, Weymouth: Capt. C F Linnitt, Weymouth: B C Hunt, Blandford: H S Bailey, Dorchester: J Croad, Portland: H Tompkins, Portland; J B Edwards, Bridport: R Light, Blandford: Jim Hodges, Weymouth: George Wright, Dorchester.

"The name of the photographer is Percy S Smith of Bridport."

If you can help Mr Chainey please telephone 01202 688275 or email colin.chainey@dorsetfa.com



RUGBY ROUND-UP

Vallance suffers suspected ankle break

"HOPE springs eternal in the human breast" or so they say. I was hopeful that a full league programme would take place on Saturday last but feared the worst when my car's thermometer showed a temperature of minus five early that morning. I then prepared myself to sit down by my computer and watch my column dismantle before my eyes.

In the event things did not turn out as badly as I had feared, although DORCHESTER'S game against WIMBORNE, together with PUDDLETOWN'S home encounter with WHEATSHEAF CABIN CREW, had to be postponed. The games of the Weymouth second and third sides also did not take place, while BRIDPORT for their part, were without a fixture, and the opponents of the Dorchester third side have withdrawn from the league.

One or two local games went ahead after morning ground inspections however and, importantly, the cup game between WEYMOUTH and DRIFTERS was amongst them.

WEYMOUTH 14 DRIFTERS 22

THE reason for the Weymouth club's ground being fit for play, while all others were frost-bound escapes me - in fact conditions were ideal for open rugby.

The home side chose to play with the slight slope during the first period but the first few minutes belonged to the visitors.

They turned over ball at the initial lineout, and disrupted an early set scrummage and, before the game was 10 minutes old, they sent the ball wide from set piece possession, their outside centre broke and his right winger, Jones, got over some ten yards in from touch.

Out half James added the extras, and worse was to come from a home point of view, for one of their props was guilty of an early tackle at the restart and was consigned to the bin for his pains.

Drifters continued to prosper in his absence and, after they had tapped a penalty, regathered

a grubbier kick and one of their midfield got over close to the posts. Jones' conversion kick was again accurate and the visitors led 14-0.

Weymouth had been slow to settle in the first quarter, failing to secure their own ball and struggling to deal with their opponents' attacks. The end of the first quarter came and went with the home side still unable to win useable possession.

Drifters were by far the better side at this stage and, after twenty five minutes, caught the home side napping with another quickly taken penalty, and scored five yards in from touch. This try remained unconverted but, at 19-0 adrift, Weymouth were looking down the gun barrel and, ominously, were unable to win worthwhile possession from which to launch attacks.

Drifters continued to spend the majority of the half in home territory and, just before the interval, Jones, who had run the show thus far, kicked a penalty.

Half time was approaching before Weymouth put together a meaningful attack, and when they did they scored from it.

Their build up had not seemed to threatened but, when the ball came to centre Gareth Isles well inside the twenty two, he wriggled his way over, thanks perhaps to some rather ineffectual tackling. Sheppard kicked the conversion and Weymouth had thrown themselves a lifeline at 7-22.

This score had come very much against the run of play and I felt that the visitors were well worth their half time lead. Weymouth, who had not played well in the first-half, would have known that they would have to raise their game by several notches if they were to get back into this one.

The second-half did not start all that auspiciously for the home side for, having conceded a penalty, were penalised 20 yards for rabbit. They were beginning to compete however, against a side who had seemingly "gone off the boil" especially in their finishing.

Weymouth were continuing to get turned over,

both at scrum and lineout. They were losing the ball in contact too, and were making other unforced errors, and the game was an hour old before they put together a concerted attack.

Tragically at this time however, they lost prop Max Vallance with what was, I think, a broken ankle, and to add insult to nasty injury, they were turned over once more and their opponents kicked clear.

For the next 10 minutes Drifters reasserted themselves and, although they did not score, seemed to have matters well in hand, but then, with no more than a half dozen minutes left, Weymouth scored again.

A Drifter clearance was not effective and the home side thrust a couple of times into their twenty two and finally assayed what was, I thought, a rather speculative chip ahead. I was one of several who said "wrong option" but the ball pitched, the bounce favoured them, and winger MacConnachie reacted well to gather and score. Sheppard again added the extras but it was all "too little too late" as Drifters held on for the win and go forward to the Southern Counties final.

I feel that Drifters would have proved a real handful for a Weymouth side that was playing at its best. Weymouth, nowhere near their best, were starved of possession for most of the eighty minutes and made innumerable unforced errors. They tackled well however, and this fact, together with some rather less than clinical Drifters finishing, kept the score line respectable.

BRIDPORT 2nd 6 DORCHESTER 2nd 12

THE Bridport first side was without a fixture, but their second side managed to play against the promotion candidates on a Brewery Field that was rather sticky underfoot.

The first-half was a very evenly contested affair, with the only score coming from the boot of Colbourne, the Bridport full-back.

Having gone in at the interval with a 3-0 lead,

Bridport doubled it early in the second period, again through Marcus Colbourne's boot, only for Dorchester to come back with an unconverted try to narrow the gap to a single point.

The scoreline then remained unchanged until the final few minutes but, near the end, Dorchester worked a good position through running a tapped penalty. The thrust was stopped at the expense of a set scrum near the posts from which the visitors managed to get over from close range. The try was converted and Dorchester held on for the win that will do their promotion aspirations no harm at all.

PREVIEW

ANOTHER round of league fixtures takes place on Saturday next and, of all the local sides, it is WEYMOUTH who face the sternest test. They entertain WESTBURY, a side who have already upset the league leaders' appellation this season.

The visitors lie in the division's fourth place currently, and I can remember the Weymouth camp returning from the earlier encounter having lost 11-10 and feeling that they had not enjoyed a very good day at the office.

I think that the home side will reverse that decision, hopefully with a four try bonus point win. They will know that they have been in a game by the final whistle however. For Westbury are a pretty attritional bunch. They will have to perform better than they did on Saturday though!

DORCHESTER play at DEVIZES, a side that they narrowly beat in the earlier fixture. Their opponents have enjoyed a pretty good season however and lie, like Dorchester, just off the pace in the Southern Counties (South) Division's promotion race.

This has all the makings of a close encounter for, while Dorchester have been enjoying a good run lately, so have their opponents.

BRIDPORT too had a close game earlier in the season against Saturday's visitors, SWANAGE & WAREHAM 2nd. Their opponents have enjoyed a

rather better season than the Brewery Field side however and are currently third in the Dorset & Wilts League Division One (South). Bridport have certainly lacked consistency this season and they will be hard put to win this one.

In division two, PUDDLETOWN face a challenge that will rank with that of Weymouth as regards degree of difficulty, for they travel to league leaders WIMBORNE 2nd who beat them, albeit narrowly, at Puddletown earlier; and who have been going great guns in the league ever since.

Puddletown are an emerging side however and are not without a chance in this one. The final result will act as a good guide as to just how much they have improved this season.

As to the second sides, Bridport seconds travel to Verwood, a side with whom they fought out a rather high scoring draw back in the autumn.

Bridport have not been travelling well however and I do not think they will win this one. Dorchester seconds should really continue their promotion push at the expense of lowly Lytchett Minster seconds, while Weymouth seconds should be capable of doing the double over Weymouth Cabin Crew.

Dorchester thirds have a battle of the bottom clubs on their hands when they travel to North Dorset fourths, while Weymouth thirds face a pretty long afternoon against Wimborne thirds.

Fixtures 18th February: Bridport v Swanage & Wareham 2nd; Bridport 2nd v Verwood (away); Chard v Cirencester; Chard 2nd v North Petherton 2nd (away); Chard 3rd v Wyvern (away); Crewkerne v Bridgwater & Albion 3rd; Dorchester v Devizes (away); Dorchester 2nd v Lytchett Minster 2nd; Dorchester 3rd v North Dorset 4th (away); Honiton v Liskeard Looe (away); Honiton 2nd v Cullompton 2nd (away); Puddletown v Wimborne 2nd (away); Sidmouth v Avonmouth O.B.; Sidmouth 2nd v O.P.M. (away); Weymouth v Westbury; Weymouth 2nd v Weymouth Cabin Crew (away); Weymouth 3rd v Wimborne 3rd.



New players wanted

WEYMOUTH Rugby Club U11s and U12s team are looking for new recruits to boost their ranks.

The club has planned games against all the local teams and those from further afield, culminating in a two-day end of season festival on April 28th and 29th.

Training is on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 to 8pm and Sundays 10 to noon. Additional information can be found on the website www.weymouthrfc.org.uk or contact Kate Berry 07786-066825.

Away day win for Cowboys

SOUTHAMPTON RAVENS 72

WEYMOUTH COWBOYS 69

Weymouth Cowboys travelled to Southampton looking for their first away win.

The Ravens took the tip but it was the Cowboys who took first blood with Dan

Campbell making the first basket of the game very early on. A foul added an extra free throw which Campbell took with ease.

Another foul, this time on Sam Dodge gave him the chance to show how you make free-extending the lead to 5-0. The Ravens managed to get a basket but great use of the zonal defence put a break on the hosts getting more than eight points in the entire quarter.

The same didn't apply to the Cowboys, especially with Andy Steel taking several great pressured lay-ups and sinking them as the team led 23-8 after the first quarter.

There was more of the same in the 2nd quarter. A few controversial calls by the referees could have cut the tempo but the Cowboys kept their heads and led 39-18 at half-time.

It was in the second-half where things started to become sticky for the boys from the west. The Ravens started to use their big men more and became a lot more physical. The Cowboys upped the tempo but started to lose their heads and allowed some bad

turnovers.

The Ravens made the most of this turn-around and moved to within four points of the visitors.

Some good rebounding from Rob Legg and Sam Dodge slowed the Ravens down but it wasn't enough and so Coach Alex Fuhrmann called for a much needed time-out. Rejuvenated, the Cowboys went back out and secured a fine victory with a final score of 69-59.

Coach Alex Fuhrmann, said: "A great run out for the lads today, we showed in the first-half what we've been building on and will continue develop as we go on."

"I'm not too sure on some decisions from the players in the second half, nearly losing grip of the game and sending us home empty handed. Regardless we pulled out the win and I'm happy."

◆ **Weymouth MVP:** Andy Steel

Scorers/Roster: Andy Steel 25, Sam Dodge 15, Dan Campbell 22, Gerry Legg 4, Jeff Robertshaw 1, Matt Board 2, Rob Legg, Eric Olson, James Ward.



■ **STAR MAN:**
Weymouth Cowboys' Andy Steel.

Dorchester & District Snooker League

RESULTS: WDC Whipping Boys 4 Colliton Cons 4, Colliton XQ2011 0 West Dorset Club C 6, Colliton Hopefuls 1 Colliton Nomads 6, Trinity M 6 Colliton Club B 0, Colliton Nomads 4 West Dorset Club A 3.

30+ breaks: C.Haskell 67 & 56, D.Joslin 36, M.Beale 33 & 31, N.Joslin 32, A.Page 30.

Top Break of the Season: Chris Haskell (Trinity M) 67.

	Pld	W	D	L	N/R	Pts
West Dorset Club A.....	16	11	2	3	0	77
West Dorset Club C.....	15	11	2	2	0	73
Trinity Gooduns.....	17	11	2	4	0	71
Trinity M.....	17	7	2	8	0	66
Colliton Cons.....	16	9	2	5	0	65
Trinity Express.....	17	4	2	11	0	60
Colliton Nomads.....	16	10	1	5	0	59
Purbeck Potters.....	16	3	5	8	0	55
Colliton XQ2011.....	17	6	2	9	0	55
Colliton Hopefuls.....	17	6	1	10	0	54
WDC Whipping Boys.....	17	6	1	10	0	51
Colliton Club B.....	17	3	2	12	0	50

◆ **TEAM OPEN KO CUP FINAL:** West Dorset Club A v Colliton Nomads 4 (February, 27th (at Trinity Club)

◆ **TEAM KO CUP FINAL:** West Dorset Club A v Colliton Nomads (Monday, March 19th (at Trinity Club).

Weymouth RFC news

Weymouth U13 31 Swanage 29

IN this hard fought local-derby it was Weymouth who came out on top.

There was some great play from the whole Weymouth team but special mention went to flankers Jack Brewer and Tyler Craig and winger Macauley Quinn. Weymouth try scorers were James Davis (2), Troy Brocklebank (2) and Craig, with Davis also adding two conversions.

Pablo wins volunteer of the month

HAVING won the RFU's Adult Coach of the Year 2011 in January, Paul 'Pablo' Harding has now added the club's Volunteer of the Month 2012 award to his list of successes.

Paul is the club's Senior Mens Head Coach and also assists with the clubs under 15s and 16s as well as the Dorset & Wilts squads, and last month coached the clubs 1st XV to win the D&W Plate against Supermarine.

New ladies sponsor

WEYMOUTH RFC are pleased to announce that SBL Ltd have agreed to sponsor the newly formed ladies team. Chairman Glyn Arnold said: "I would like to thank Stuart and SBL for their sponsorship and continued investment in sport in Weymouth and Portland".



■ **THANK YOU:** Weymouth RFC Chairman Glyn Arnold (second right) pictured with sponsor Stuart Barnes Managing Director SBL Ltd, ladies captain Sarah Jane Parker and vice-captain Sam Field
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INSIDE: Weymouth basketball news

Challenging end to season for Terras

RECENT results and the effect of the freezing conditions has set challenging finishes to the season for both Weymouth and Bridport, whilst although it has meant no game for Dorchester Town for five weeks, they may well have benefitted from the situation.

With less than three months to go to the end of the current campaign, relegation and promotion issues are beginning to form, and of our three local teams, Bridport are probably the team under most pressure.

The Bees are currently in a run of poor form having lost six of their last eight Toolstation Western League Premier Division matches including their last two against two sides like them around the lower reaches.

Although they are eight points clear of relegation, they need to start picking up points, particularly against sides in the bottom reaches.

Manager Trevor Senior has always claimed that following promotion last season, that this year was a learning curve and one of consolidation.

He still feels that his side are good enough to survive and knows that on their day they have the players to beat most sides in the league.

With 11 matches left, five at home, five are against teams in the bottom half including what could be a deciding last game against Street at St

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Mary's Field on April 28th.

Weymouth have proved that on their day they can also beat the best and showed that with back-to-back Evo-Stik South Premier League wins over AFC Totton and St Albans City over the New Year, together with their win at Stourbridge in their last match which stopped a run of three away league defeats.

Despite three home games after last Tuesday's fixture at Chippenham Town, none are easy, but in their last 12 matches they face seven sides either below or just above them, which if they show their true colours should see them easily avoid any relegation troubles.

Indeed with three or four wins they can catapult themselves into a top eight position.

With two new strikers, Ben Joyce, ex-Salisbury City and Mark Ford from Blandford United waiting in the wings to make their debuts, they might supply the firepower that manager Brendon King has been looking for to consolidate their form.

Many expected Dorchester Town to start slipping down the Blue Square South from seventh as

sides began catching up games on the Magpies, who had played far more league games than others following early exits from both the FA Cup and Trophy.

With some games having been played despite the weather, a glance at the results and the table suggest that the worst Dorchester could drop once sides have caught up is two places on current form.

In fact the old adage 'better to have the points in the bag' appears to be proving true, and with a backlog of games for some teams, Boreham Wood and Basingstoke Town have four games to catch up with the Terras, pressure and injuries may prove decisive.

With two matches postponed recently and no game scheduled for this Saturday, it will be five weeks before the Magpies look to continue their wonderful run of one league defeat in 14 games under the stewardship of caretaker duo Phil Simkin and Mark Jermyn, and new manager Alan Knight.

They like Weymouth have new players championing at the bit to make their debuts. On-loan Max Worsford from Aldershot Town and striker Sam Malsom signed from the Terras will have to wait another week to make a competitive start.

The management team at The Avenue Stadium



■ **WEYMOUTH Tandoori Bandits** who play in Division Two of the Solent Basketball League

will be working hard to ensure their players keep as match fit as possible, and that the break has not broken the good run.

Following their home match against Havant & Waterlooville (25th), they do face a run of four difficult away matches against probable champions Woking and play-off

contenders Weston-super-Mare and Boreham Wood and bottom side Thurrock.

However they have shown that they are a match for any side in their current form and should have a great chance of finishing in the top ten come the season end.

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